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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NOS. 96-212-W & 96-213-W - ORDER NO. 96-512

IN RE: Docket No. 96-212-W - Application of Upstate Heater Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of its Water Utility to South Carolina Water and Sewer, L.L.C.

ORDER GRANTING STAFF REQUEST

AND

Docket No. 96-213-W - Application of Heater Utilities, Inc. for Approval of a Transfer of its Water Utility to South Carolina Water and Sewer, L.L.C.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the Staff request to combine Docket Nos. 96-212-W and 96-213-W for hearing purposes. Staff notes that both Dockets contemplate a transfer of one of the Heater Companies to the same company, that is South Carolina Water and Sewer, L.L.C. It appears to us that combining the two Dockets for hearing purposes would make for good utilization of administrative hearing time. Therefore, the Staff request is granted.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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